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FACT SHEET

Approximately a year ago, Senator Inouye expressed interest in obtaining a bellboy which would be tied into the CIA's system. The SSCI staff reviewed the possibilities and we mutually concluded that it would be preferable if Senator Inouye had his own system. As a result, the Committee staff arranged for a commercial bellboy system through C&P Telephone Company. It has a 17 mile radius. Senator Inouye wanted one with a memory system but C&P did not offer this type. The Senator also has a bellboy while in Hawaii. This is a separate system, with a memory, provided by General Telephone Company, which operates the telephone system in Hawaii.

There was some press coverage around the first of the year of the fact that the Senator had a bellboy and could be reached instantaneously in case any covert operations were launched. This was misinterpreted in the press and it was the inference of the article that the Senator was tied into a CIA bellboy system. This has never been the case.

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